



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoto MIWA et al.

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For: NEAR INFRARED FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENT AND
FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 14, 15, 23, 49, 52, 56, 71, 72, 74, 98 and 106 have been replaced.

Marked up pages are also attached.



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